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COURSE SYLLABUS

School Year	2025-2026
Subject	Art
Grade Level	7
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Visual Arts embraces technical skills of how to make and cognitive skills of communicating in symbolic language. While the goal of most academic study is to find the right answers, in Art we are looking for the right questions. Creativity culminates from taking imagination through the process of making and experimenting to arrive at a new idea or viewpoint. The goal of the Arts curriculum is to take the student through this process and be able to analyze and synthesize their ideas and apply these new methods of inquiry not only to the Arts and Culture but other subjects as well.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the end of this course, Grade 7 students will be able to:

- Identify the art elements (line, color, texture, value, shape, space and value) and principles of design (rhythm, balance, movement, emphasis, pattern, contrast, etc.) in their artworks and those of artists in history/artists from different cultures.
- Use vocabulary of art terms, identify materials and their uses, and work through processes and studio production techniques, as they create in 2 and 3-dimensions
- Identify the roles of art in reinforcing beliefs and customs in their cultures and other cultures as well, through dialogs in art history, appreciation, aesthetics and criticism.
- Demonstrate experience with works of art (or other curriculum materials), and demonstrate ability to catalog information on them, as well as to make inferences from any such information collected.
- Actively engage in the creative process and communicate their understanding of issues and concepts. In addition, they will work to develop organizational and collaborative skills in investigating issues bordering on their health and social well-being, service to the community, the environment, and the processes (and consequences) of their creation.

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES: Google slides, appropriate subject related materials from the library.



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GRADING SYSTEM/ASSESSMENT:

Classwork / Homework Participation	Tests, Quizzes and Projects	Quarter Exam / Project	D'TORCH
30%	30%	30%	10%

Differentiated instruction will be used in the classroom in order to cater to the different needs and interests of individual students. Instruction is meant to let students lead, discover, and demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways. Students will be involved in a variety of classroom activities such as discussions, group work, and group/individual presentations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please always check Google Classroom for homework and announcements.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic Dishonesty means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at DIS.

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

- Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's work;
- Representing another's intellectual work, such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, research, or the like, as one's own, including failure to attribute content to an AI.
- Employing a tutor, using Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgment, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, and paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's work.
- Committing any act that a reasonable person would conclude, when informed of the evidence, to be a dishonest means of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work.

Any act of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment/learning task.



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SUBJECT: Gr.7 Art

1st QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (August 12 to 15) <u>4 days of class</u> 12-General Assembly at the Gymnasium 15-Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	Introduction to Art Class. Feeling Welcome, introduction to classroom expectations Elements of Design: Pamphlet Lesson 1. Begin to construct pamphlet and rules.
Week 2 (August 18 to 22) 18-St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration) Integrated during the Monday Assembly 20- House Shirt & Blue Jeans Day Starts 22- Club Orientation and Club Sign-up	Art and Culture Lesson 2 Elements of design pamphlet
Week 3 (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting	Elements of design pamphlet final
Week 4 (September 1 to 5) 1- Launching of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (During the Monday Assembly) 1-AP Registration 3- AEO Fall University Fair 5- House Ceremony	Still-life drawing: Scale and Proportion
Week 5 (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start	Day2: Still-life drawing: Scale and Proportion
Week 6 (September 15 to 19) 15- Catholic Bridge Program for all New Students (After the Monday Assembly at the Gymnasium) 19- Athletics / Sports Orientation 19- PSAT/NMSQT Registration deadline	Day 3: Still-life drawing: Scale and Proportion
Week 7 (September 22 to 26) 22- Celebration of the International Day of Peace- Peace Pole Ceremony (During the Monday Assembly) Teacher's Day Celebration & 26-Teachers' Appreciation 26- Grade 12 Career Educational Trip 24 to 26-Pre-Exam Days	Final Presentations/critique
Week 8 (September 29 to October 3) 29- Launching of the Month of the Holy Rosary (During the Monday Assembly) Oct. 1-2- First Quarter Exam (half day)	Final Presentations/critique
	Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)



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2nd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

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Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
	6-Moon Festival (no classes)
	7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)
Week 1 (11) (October 13 to 17) 13- Second Quarter Begins 13- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 2nd Semester 14- Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms (During the morning prayer) 15- AP Exam Only Registration Deadline 15- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 17- PSAT/NMSQT Digital Exam	Design a stage for YSC Design and plan for YSC Props / Poster
Week 2 (12) (October 20 to 24) 20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly) 20- Campus Safety Talk for Students 24- Book Fair (Senior Escape Room)	Technique: Watercolor The color wheels
Week 3 (13) (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp	Technique: Watercolor Prepare outline for practicing different techniques Day 1 Watercolor techniques wet on wet, blending, salt, translucent
Week 4 (14) (November 3 to 7) 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly) 5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep	Technique: Watercolor Prepare outline for practicing different techniques Day 228-05/02/25 Watercolor techniques, blending
Week 5 (15) (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	Christmas Project Day 1 Christmas Wreath
Week 6 (16) (November 17 to 21) 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest	Christmas Project Day 2 Christmas Wreath
Week 7 (17) (November 24 to 28) 24- Peace Pole Day (Monday Assembly) 24- Lighting of the Christmas Tree after school (Campus Min/ ECA/ D' Torch Orchestra/ Religious Studies) (Afternoon) 25-27- Pre-Exam Days 27- Thanksgiving Potluck after school for teachers and staff 27- Thanksgiving Family Day 28- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam	Christmas Project Day 3 Christmas Wreath
	Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)
Week 8 (18) (December 1 to 5) 1- First Week of Advent: Lighting of First Advent Candle (During the Monday Assembly) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 5- Nativity Play (Collaboration with Campus Ministry) 5- Christmas Fair Whole Day	Religious Christmas painting
Week 9 (19) (December 8 to 12) 8- Foundation Day Mass, cake ceremony, and Class Party (half day) 8- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 8- Second Week of Advent 10- Gr. 12 Advent Immersion 11 and 12- Second Quarter Exam (half day)	Religious Christmas painting
	December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday) December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break



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3rd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

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Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
	January 5- Record Day (No Classes for students)
Week 1 (20) (January 5 to 9) 5- PSAT 8/9 Registration Starts 6- Third Quarter Begins 7- Monthly Career Talk-College Prep 9- New Year Mass at 8:00	Seasonal Art Design your CNY poster Day 1 Design
Week 2 (21) (January 12 to 16) 16- Club Orientation & Sign Up	Seasonal Art Design your CNY poster Day 2 Transfer
Week 3 (22) (January 19 to 23) 19-23- Individual Yearbook Photoshoot for Students 19-23- Career Awareness Week 22- Grade 9 Career Educational trip 23- First Club Meeting for 2nd Semester	Seasonal Art Design your CNY poster Day 3 Paint
Week 4 (23) (January 26 to 30) 26- Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas/Launching of the Catholic Week 26-28- Aquinas Conference: Science and Faith 26-30- Catholic Week Activities 30- DYM Charity Concert	Technique: 4 sketch challenges Day 1 Frames 1 and 2
Week 5 (24) (February 2 to 6) 1-4- WASC Mid-Cycle Visit 4- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6-7- SUAQ Recollection for MS	Technique: 4 sketch challenges Day 2 Frames 3 and 4
Week 6 (25) (February 9 to 13) 9- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 1st Semester for SY2025-26 13- PSAT 8/9 Registration Deadline 13- House Valentine's Mini Fair 13- Chinese New Year Celebration	Comics Day 1 Introduction
	February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday
Week 7 (26) (February 23 to 26) 23-26- IOWA Assessments 23- Student Council Application 24-26- Pre-Exam Days	Comics Day 2 work: begin sketching and notes for dialogue
	February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)
Week 8 (27) (March 2 to 6) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6- PSAT 8/9 System Installation and Practice Test	Comics Day 3 work: paint/color pencils
Week 9 (28) (March 9 to 13) 13 and 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day)	Comics Day 4 work (finish up and critique)



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4th QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

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Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (29) (March 16 to 20) 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day) 16-20- Faculty & Staff Yearbook Photo 17- Fourth Quarter Begins 18-21- EARCOS Teachers' Conference 19- Lectio Divina and Feast of St. Joseph 20- Parents Learning Community Meeting 20- Kindilympics 20-House Movie Night and Club Fair	Introduction to basics of bird sketching
	March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair
Week 2 (30) (March 23 to 27) 23-27 Student Leaders Applicant Interviews 26- Annual Visit to World Religion Museum Gr. 11 27- Lower School Readers Theatre	Watercolor parrots Day 1 sketch
	March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break
Week 3 (31) (April 7 to 10) 7- Spring University Fair 9- Easter Mass 9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students	Watercolor parrots Day 2 Outline
Week 4 (32) (April 13 to 17) 13 Laudato Si Month Launching (During the Monday Assembly) 13-30 Laudato Si Month Activities 13-17- Class Photo Taking 17- AP Chinese/Japanese Practice Test	Religious Easter Painting
Week 5 (33) (April 20 to 24) 20-24 Cultural Awareness Week / Art Exhibit / Earth Week 24- Music Recital 20-24 Student Council Campaign 20-24 AP Mock Exams	Copy of painting: use watercolor/acrylic paint. Day 1: Sketch
Week 6 (34) (April 27 to 30) 27- Student Council Elections 27-30 Senior Project Presentations 28-30 Pre-Exam Days	Copy of painting: use watercolor/acrylic paint. Day 2 begin painting
	May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday
Week 7 (35) (May 4 to 8) 4- May Crowning & Mother's Day Celebration (During the Monday Assembly) 4-14 Final Exams (K, Gr. 5, 8, & 12 Only) 4-15 AP Exams	Final painting: Class Critique
Week 8 (36) (May 11 to 15) 13 and 14- Fourth Quarter Exam—Undergraduate (half day) 14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days	Class Critique
	May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students) Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes
Week 9 (37) (May 18 to 22) 18- Gr. 5 Recollection & Mass	TBA



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19- Gr. 8 Recollection & Mass 20- Gr. 12 Recollection 20- Baccalaureate Mass (Whole School) 18-21 WIDA Testing 19- Lower School Sports Day / Gr. 6 & 7 School Field Trip 19- Gr. 9 - 11 - "Senior Success Forum: Inspiring the Next Generation" 19-22 Student Clearance Days 21- Middle & High School Sports Day 21- High School Field Trip 22- House Culminating Activity 20-22 Final Deliberation for Non-Graduating Classes 22- Student Leaders One Day Recollection / Turn Over Ceremony	
Week 10 (38) (May 25 to 29) 25- Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion 26- LS Field Trip 26- Gr. 8 Graduation and Gr. 12 Graduation 27- Pre-Kindergarten & Gr. 1 - 4, 6 & 7, 9-11 Recognition Last Day of School, Report Card 28- Distribution, & Class Party (half day) 29- Last day for Teachers/Staff Meeting	No Class

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